

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 305
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the
Criminal Justice Society of East Tennessee
State University for their astute service to the
community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Criminal Justice Society of East Tennessee State
University are many such people; and

WHEREAS, active on the East Tennessee State University (ETSU) campus for over 25
years, the Criminal Justice Society is an undergraduate, student organization whose members
strive to promote better public relations between local criminal justice agencies and the general
public; and

WHEREAS, acting as a liaison between local criminal justice agencies and the
university, the society links its members to local, state and federal agencies, providing access to
information and career opportunities; and

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WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Society of ETSU sponsors campus events featuring informative and entertaining speakers, such as Dr. William Bass, Director and Creator of the “body farm” at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, ETSU Campus Security Officers and members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bomb Explosives Investigation Team; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Criminal Justice Society are committed to improving the lives of their fellow citizens, and for the past three years, they have carried out a community service project that has raised funds for local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, last year, the group hosted the First Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Picnic, allowing students to become acquainted with various professionals in the field of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the society also provides its members the opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences; they have participated in S.W.A.T. training with the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office and in a firearms demonstration with the Johnson City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, last year, society officers planned a trip to Nashville on which members toured the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation facility, observed three autopsies performed in the State Medical Examiner’s Office, toured the law enforcement training academy at Donelson and toured Death Row at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable experience allowed the students to view first-hand the multifaceted nature of law enforcement and helped them to better discern their future role in the profession; and

WHEREAS, this spring, members of the Criminal Justice Society of ETSU will be making a similar trek; Thomas Allen Archer, Jacob Stielow, Mariza Gonzalez, Elizabeth McCreary, S. Brooke Beverage, Yecenia Cigarroa, Sarah Wallen, Amanda Tate, Theresa Harrison, Matthew Finch, Jennifer Habbestad, Charity Peery, Winner Peare, Thomas A. Thurman, Joshua Church and Sarah Maurice will participate in this extraordinary trip; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly would be remiss to let pass this golden opportunity to encourage these students in their worthy endeavors to fully understand the field of law enforcement and to encourage their professional participation in this noble arena; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Criminal Justice Society of East Tennessee State University on their excellent service to the campus and Johnson City communities and extend to them our best wishes for their continued success in every endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.